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TO: Mayor Franklin, President Borders, and City Council members

10-C-0148

FROM: Leslie Ward *lw*

DATE: December 21, 2009

SUBJECT: Performance Audit: City Hall East Sale and Public Safety Facilities Construction

The report listed above is attached for your review. Because of the transition, no discussion of the report with the City Council committee of purview has been scheduled yet. Feel free to contact me if you have questions or want to discuss the report.

Cc:

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Attachment to
10-C-0148 for
Information Purposes Only
10-R-0137

A RESOLUTION BY

COUNCILMEMBERS NATALYN MOSBY ARCHIBONG & C. T. MARTIN

**REQUESTING THAT CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZE
A FORENSIC AUDIT SHOULD BE CONDUCTED AS
A RESULT OF THE FINDINGS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AUDIT REPORT
OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES
CONSTRUCTION AND THE SALE OF CITY HALL
EAST; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, a letter dated December 21, 2009 from the City's Auditor states that "her report cannot be interpreted as an assurance that no waste, fraud, or abuse occurred in the project"; and

WHEREAS, forensic accounting is accounting that is suitable for legal review, offering the highest level of assurance, and including the now generally accepted connotation of having been arrived at in a scientific fashion; and

WHEREAS, the Council is a legislative/policymaking body; and, as such, has the responsibility for the oversight of city operations; and

WHEREAS, the audit report from the City Auditor identify no financial records of a \$24 million bank loan being recorded in the city's ledger; and

WHEREAS, this same reports suggest that other possible financial infractions may have occurred; and

WHEREAS, the city's current fiscal problems and the reports critical review of the contracting process that took place with this project suggest that that a closer look into the practices and procedures utilize for this contract.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA; as follow, that the City Council direct the Committee on Council to identify a funding source as well as enter into a Request for Proposal to hire a forensic accountant to review the contracts associated with the Public Safety Facilities Construction Project and the sale of the City Hall East facility.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and are hereby waived in this instance only.

10-~~12~~-0137

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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

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☐ Consent ☐ V Vote ☐ RC Vote

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MAYOR'S ACTION

- ☐ CONSENT REFER
- ☐ REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ☐ ADVERTISE & REFER
- ☐ 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- ☒ PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred

1/4/10

Referred To:

Public Safety

Date Referred

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ATTACHED

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10-C-0146

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A COMMUNICATION FROM
CITY AUDITOR LESLIE WARD:

SUBMITTING THE
PERFORMANCE AUDIT FOR
CITY HALL EAST SALE AND
PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES
CONSTRUCTION REPORT.

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Committee

Date

Chair

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Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)
Other

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1/19/10

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☐ 3rd

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